

STEWART FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER – February 2008

BACKGROUND

The STEWART family in Texas was headed by Araminta COLEMAN and Daniel STEWART of Hopkins County. They had twelve children – seven of these married and had children of their own.

These seven were: Sarah Jane Stewart **MARTIN CLIFTON DRENNAN**, Mary Catharine Stewart **WADSWORTH FLORENCE**, Effa Matilda Stewart **POSEY**, Louisiana Caroline "Lucy" Stewart **RABE**, Daniel Morrison **STEWART**, Joseph Coleman **STEWART**, Araminta Emma Stewart **STOCKTON**, and Louvenia Domer Stewart **FLORENCE**.

REUNION PLANNING

Please take a minute and call me, Teresa, toll-FREE, at: **866-730-6297** and leave a message with your name and answers to the following two questions:

1. Which date is better for you for the 2008 reunion:
 - Saturday, June 21? Or
 - Saturday, June 28?
2. Which location is better for you for the 2008 reunion:
 - Dallas Metro area? or
 - Sulphur Springs?

You may also email me with this information if you prefer. Please be sure to leave your name in either case. Your call will help me with gauging interest in the reunion and with making arrangements.



DNA TEST RESULTS

Some of you may know that my father, Robert Gene STEWART, agreed to take a DNA test and send the results to the genealogical database at Family Tree DNA. I visit the database every couple of months to see if we have any new matches.

This month I found a 12-point match with Larry Jay STEWART, whom I contacted. Larry Jay STEWART is the son of Joseph Cyril

DNA TEST RESULTS, continued

STEWART, the grandson of Walker Jerome STEWART, and the great grandson of Joseph Coleman STEWART. While unable to provide any more information than we already have, it's wonderful to be in touch with Larry and welcome him into his extended family, to meet the multitude of second and third cousins.



Children of Walker Stewart: Cyril, Vera, Deward and Orville Stewart, courtesy of Johann Davis.

The POSEY family, from whom Johann DAVIS descends, was close to the Walker STEWART family, which settled first near Dallas, then in Ennis County, TX.

READING AND WRITING

The other day as I was going through various family files, I wondered how many of our early family members were able to read and write. Sarah Jane STEWART, the eldest child of Daniel and Araminta COLEMAN STEWART, signed her divorce papers with a fluid script, which suggests that she was practiced at writing. Her husband, Nathaniel CLIFTON, made his mark with an X. Lucy STEWART RABE, another STEWART daughter, sent a birthday card to her brother Daniel Morrison STEWART. And Joseph Coleman STEWART left behind a scribbled note about a sermon he'd heard, pondering why Matthew was the first book of the New Testament. Mary STEWART WADSWORTH married John Hicks

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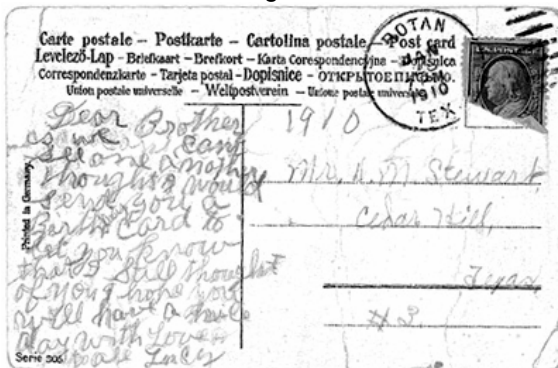
READING AND WRITING, continued

FLORENCE. His great-great granddaughter, Julie FLORENCE MORRIS tells us that the FLORENCE homestead was packed with books and that many still sit boxed away.

In addition, the husband of Effa Matilda STEWART, James Henry POSEY, a school teacher himself, "...helped start the first school in Florence Hill. Miss Saddie Miller, also a teacher, lived in the Posey home. They cleared the land for the school which was later the Baptist church."

So it appears that education was of some import to the STEWART family, and that the children, all along the way, were educated and could read and write.

French statesman and writer Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859), wrote of Americans, "There is hardly a pioneer's hut which does not contain a few odd volumes of Shakespeare. I remember reading the feudal drama of Henry V for the first time in a log cabin."



Postcard from Lucy Stewart Rabe to brother Daniel Morrison Stewart, 1910, TX

EMMA ROSEANOR POSEY & WILLIAM WALLACE SMITH

In response to a query letter I was contacted last month by Nell LAROWE and Margaret SMITH, both descendants of William Wallace SMITH (right) and Emma Roseanor POSEY SMITH. Emma was the last daughter of James Henry POSEY and his first wife, Sara Caroline THWEATT. As such she was a half-sister to our POSEYs: Henrietta Effa, Catherine Florence, John Harrison, and Loula Minter.

By the time the 1880 Federal Census was taken Effa Matilda STEWART and James Henry POSEY had married. Three of James Henry's children from his first marriage lived

EMMA ROSEANOR POSEY & WILLIAM WALLACE SMITH, continued

with the couple: Edgar, Carrie, and Emma Roseanor, as well as James Henry's grandson, the orphaned Vascar BARTON.



With the help of Nell

and Margaret I was able to make many updates to the William Wallace SMITH and Emma Roseanor POSEY SMITH page.

SARAH DRUCILLA POSEY & THOMAS WYATT BEVILLE

Through some fortuitous sleuthing I was also able last month to fill in many of the blanks for James Henry POSEY and Sara Caroline THWEATT POSEY's eldest daughter, Sarah Drucilla POSEY BEVILLE. She married Thomas Wyatt BEVILLE on 13 MAR 1873. The family lived in Hopkins County, Texas.

LUCY ANN CARRUTH & WILLIAM FRANKLIN STOCKTON

Randall FORTENBERRY, a descendant of Lucy Ann and William STOCKTON, wrote last month, contributing many photographs and a lengthy narrative which I've included in an updated version of the STOCKTON book. William Franklin STOCKTON was the son of William "Bill" STOCKTON and Merena O'NEAL STOCKTON, and brother to Wilse STOCKTON who married our Araminta Emma STEWART.

According to Willie Emma Jean STOCKTON WHISENHUNT PRUETT,

When Frank was 18 years old, he ran away to get married. He rode on horseback accompanied by another couple to the Indian Territory (Oklahoma) and was married in 1870. His bride Lucy Carruth was 16 years old.

Lucy's nephew, Robin Pierce CARRUTH married Elizabeth J. HENRY whose brother James Thomas HENRY, married Loula May STOCKTON.



LUCY ANN CARRUTH & WILLIAM FRANKLIN STOCKTON, continued



Lee Ita Stockton and her mother Lucy Ann Carruth Stockton

VIOLA ISABELL PERRY & CHARLIE PETER SITZ

Betty SITZ CYR wrote to me via links on Ancestry.com. Betty descends from Viola Isabell PERRY and Charlie Peter SITZ, which makes her a second cousin to my husband Ken SITZ. We're hoping to put our heads together in the near future and fill in some of the blanks in the SITZ family history.

JAMES HARVEY MAXWELL CHILDREN

Jack CARRIGAN, a descendant of Amanda Lavina WILLIAMS and James Harvey MAXWELL sent several scans of members of the MAXWELL family. Three of the MAXWELL children married into the HAYS family: John Marion MAXWELL married Martha Ann HAYS; Mary Frances MAXWELL married Charles Booker HAYS, and Anna

JAMES HARVEY MAXWELL CHILDREN, continued
Adaline MAXWELL married Reuben Arthur HAYS, pictured above. Claude MAXWELL married Beulah T. BRAWNER, sister of Homer Herman BRAWNER, who married Ruby Ladonia "Lado" STEWART.

Ed WHITTEN is a cousin to Jack CARRIGAN and Kathryn MAXWELL BARTON is his grandmother. Ed WHITTEN is the grandson of Amanda Fariby WILLIAMS WILLIAMSON, and the son of Martha Jane WILLIAMSON WHITTEN. Lou V. MAXWELL was the daughter of John and Martha Ann HAYS MAXWELL. Lou V. MAXWELL married Raleigh MANN.



Back Row: Reuben Arthur Hays, Emma May Maxwell
Middle Row: Claude Maxwell and Lou V. Maxwell
Bottom Row: Ed Whitten (a cousin) and Kathryn Maxwell Barton

EXTRA PHOTOS

I have some extra space so will include a few more photographs.



Edith Lura Maxwell McLain's drive in, Haskell, Haskell County, TX, August 1959



EXTRA PHOTOS, continued



The grave of John Powers Martin, courtesy of Jim Norris, New Hope Cemetery, off Highway 19, out of Sulphur Springs, TX



Hankins Normal College, Eastland County, TX, Lela Stockton, top center.



Mollie ENGLAND STEWART, unknown boy, Mattie ENGLAND YOUNG, Mississippi, circa 1900

BIRTHDAYS.

Happy birthday to Charlene POOL MATTHEWS (2/5), Edith POOL WEISE (2/9), Dovie WOOLEY PITTMAN (2/10), Vera STEWART MACON (2/15), Bobby Gene STEWART and Bullet HATFIELD (2/19).

PRAYER REQUESTS.

Please remember Orion Morgan MCLAIN in your prayers as he remains in the hospital. Please pray for Dorothy Jo MCPHERSON, who is recovering from surgery.

PASSINGS.

Please remember the family of Dorothy Louise TULLAR COLLIER, who died 20 DEC 2007. Mrs. COLLIER descended from Simpson P. COMPTON.

THANKS AGAIN.

To Margaret Smith and Nell LaRowe, Larry Jay Stewart, Randall Fortenberry, Betty Sitz Cyr, and Jack Carrigan who contributed so much to this issue of the family newsletter. Thanks especially to my mom, Charlene LARSON STEWART, for her proofreading and editing.

Until next month,

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"Family life is full of major and minor crises -- the ups and downs of health, success and failure in career, marriage, and divorce -- and all kinds of characters. It is tied to places and events and histories. With all of these felt details, life etches itself into memory and personality. It's difficult to imagine anything more nourishing to the soul."

- Thomas Moore, American author